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MR. THOMPSON SUICIDES.**Drinks Poison and Is Found Dying in His Pasture.**

George Thompson and family about three years since moved from Kansas to a farm about three miles southwest of Martinsburg, this county. Besides Mr. Thompson there were the wife and seven children. The youngest child being ten years of age. One of the older children, we believe, lives in Oklahoma.

Mr. Thompson was in financial straits and lately had been brooding over it a good deal. It seems that the family feared he might hurt himself.

Last Saturday morning he got up quite early and soon he was missing. A search for him and he was found in the pasture a little distance from the house in a dying condition. He was able to speak but told his family it would be too late to call a doctor.

County Coroner Dr. Paul E. Coil of this city went to the Thompson home and viewed the body. Dr. Coil thinks Mr. Thompson drank strychnine or "Rough on Rats."

Moved to Kansas.

W. H. Miller and family have moved from Mexico to their farm at Quereamo, Kansas. Mrs. Miller orders the Message to follow them and she writes as follows:

"We can't do without the Message as we want to keep posted on what the people are doing in and around Mexico. We think we shall like our new home here. We have a seven-room house with well and cistern just off the porch. A large barn with deep well and windmill. All other necessary outbuildings. School and church half mile around the road. Telephone in the house. It is all very nice indeed."

Mrs. Miller is the mother of Miss Jennie Miller, the young lady whom the Message mentioned last week as having won the State prize for the best note book in Agriculture by seventh and eighth grade pupils. She was from the Duly district in this county and won against about 25 other demonstration schools scattered here and there over the State.

CHAMP CHIMES.

A splendid shower last Sunday. We have a "wet" moon.

Another road overseer has got busy.

Most of our farmers have marketed their wool.

Mr. Elbert Perisho, received a visit from his brother in Knox county last week.

The eight hour labor system is quite popular among some of our farmers; eight hours before dinner and eight hours after.

Mr. A. B. Weidler has gone to Excelsior Springs seeking relief from his rheumatic troubles.

Mr. "Dock" McClintock has 45 acres of corn on the G. L. Dean farm, on land that never was plowed before. There will be something doing down there this fall if the season is favorable.

Mrs. Kate Dean took off 88 young chickens last Friday and put them in a box in the shade. After awhile when she went to look after them the sun had got around on them and they were "all a lot of dead corpses." Too bad.

Mrs. Sophia McClintock has a chicken with only one leg. That variety will never be popular among the clergy.

We are not to have any preaching at Bethel on the second Sunday morning as Bro. Cobb, the pastor, is to preach in Mexico, at that hour. There will be preaching at Groves Chapel at 4 p. m. and preaching at Bethel at night, though, as usual.

Rev. Willis Carlisle returned from Excelsior Springs last week. He and family are now at Gossett, Ill., where they are visiting relatives. Mr. Carlisle seems to be slowly regaining his health.

MR. BLUM DEAD.**Thrown From His Wagon and His Spine Broken.**

Mr. Matt Blum, who lived near Molino, with his wife and daughter started in their wagon for Mexico last Saturday morning. When some distance on the road the horses shied to one side of the road, breaking the doubletree, and Mr. Blum looking over the front of the wagon fell forward down behind the horses and the wagon passed over his body. His spine was broken and four ribs on his right side. He was dead in a very short time.

Mr. Blum was 69 years old. He was a brother of Mrs. Wm. Kemper of this city and a relative also of Ernst Blum here. The wife survives him besides nine children, five sons and four daughters. The funeral was at Dean Creek German church Sunday afternoon.

Many friends extend sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

J. C. Maxwell shipped four cars of corn and two loads of oats recently.

H. Doolin shipped two loads of corn recently.

Mrs. Jas. A. Meadley has been the guest of Mrs. L. W. Roberts and family.

Mrs. Harry Lightner of Mammoth, Ill., has been the guest of Clarence Smallwood and family.

Fred Roberts shipped one ear load of hogs and one load of sheep to St. Louis last week.

J. P. Harper has bought him a fine saddle and driving horse, also a brand new spring seat saddle.

E. A. Feutz and family are here from St. Louis.

Born, to Mark Hitz and wife, week before last, a pair of twin girls.

Fancy Roberts has been in Kirksville this week.

Many farmers have been planting their corn over in this locality.

We want to talk a banquet when the new I. O. O. F. building is completed, which will be about June 1st or the 10th.

Jno. McQuerry of Greenfield, Ill., was the guest of Jas. Myers and wife recently.

LIBERTY ITEMS.

The late showers are advancing the growth of corn rapidly. Oats out this way are looking fairly well. Wheat is heading.

Ernest Nieman planted some of his corn over. The mice seem to be taking it up as fast as he plants.

Charley Johnson got scared the other day and let his team run quite a ways. He lost his hat and tore up the harrow. Nothing else seriously happened. Say, Charley was scared.

Charley Harrison, south of Benton City, is erecting quite a nice house on his farm. Bob McClure and Mr. Dawson are the contractors.

Mrs. J. T. Allen is slowly improving with the rheumatism.

Slugged and Robbed.

Charlie Bonsall, a brother of J. R. Bonsall of this city, who had been absent from home in Fort Collins, Colo., for several years, came to Kansas City one day last week on his way for a visit to his old home in this city. While in the city on the Kaw he was attacked by robbers and lost \$30 in money and his suit case besides was beaten and bruised and left for dead. He was brought here last Saturday and was yet in a serious condition and delirious.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bush of Maryville, Cal., are here on a visit to Mr. Bush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bush, northwest of Mexico. They will be here about six weeks and will also visit relatives in St. Louis. Mr. Bush is a railroad agent and is doing well in the West.

SKINNER ITEMS.**Crop Conditions — Arthur Ellis Mishap—Stock Notes.**

Another nice, refreshing shower greeted us Sunday evening.

The crops of our community look somewhat peaked just now, though with a sufficient rainfall, properly distributed, a good corn crop may yet be had. The oats, wheat and grass are short. Of course cow peas, cane, etc., may yet be planted with a bountiful crop in store.

Arthur Ellis came near having a serious run-away last Tuesday. He got under the harrow and but for the team running to Mason Pulis', who was plowing with a gang, something serious might have happened. Mason held the team long enough for the boy to get out and away the team went, running over several fences, and tearing up things considerably. Glad to report that with the exception of a few bruises and scratches on his lower limbs and body Arthur is now O. K. and resumed work sometime the following day.

Mrs. Sadie Willey and daughter, Miss Susie, of St. Louis are here, the guests of W. F. Willey and family.

Wm. Crosswhite and Miss Florence Carpenter were quietly married last Friday, at 1:30 p. m., by Probate Judge Botts. Both young people are of good family, and here's wishing them continuous joy throughout the remainder of their lives.

J. L. Carpenter was on the Chicago market last Wednesday with a load of good cattle, his own feeding, good enough to bring about 6 cts. per pound. Weight about 1,350.

An ice cream supper will be given by Long Branch Baptist church on the night of June 3rd.

Rev. Barker filled his regular appointment at Bethlehem Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd out Sunday.

Most all our farmers are planting at least part of their corn over this time—due to dry weather, cut worms and divers other causes.

Porter Bruce lost a fine draft yearling filly last week, due to a snake bite.

R. T. Baker of Mexico spent part of Saturday and Sunday with homefolks, R. Bruce and family.

Russell Spurling recently purchased a new buggy of Ferris & Cuthorn.

Elmer Gatewood brought out a new buggy from Ferris & Cuthorn's Saturday, and the way he will gladden his best girl's heart will be a sin.

F. L. and C. C. McGee delivered three wagon loads of hogs to Powell & Mundy Friday at \$5.35 per cwt.; weight about 230 average.

Our Aud Lang Sine friend Claude Sansbury was thru our vicinity last week representing C. A. Buckner with a line of patent medicines. Here's hoping him great success.

The Misses Snidow of Mexico are the guests of C. R. Spurling and family.

A Fulton Boy's Invention.

Fitchburg, Mass., May 25.—Traveling 1,500 miles from Fulton, Mo., to Fitchburg with a patent for a safety on shotguns which prevents them from being fired accidentally, Nelson Dunham, 20 years old, sold his patent Tuesday to a Fitchburg gun factory. The youth is a son of a farmer, of near Fulton, Callaway Co., and during his spare hours perfected his invention. He is a picturesque character and has attracted much attention here. Like all native Missourians, he has to be "show," and this is one reason why he was successful in having his patent accepted. He received a large sum.

Mrs. McCabe Howe attended the alumnae banquet at Christian College in Columbia last week.

DECORATION DAY.**Wind and Rain Drive the Services Under Shelter.**

On account of a rain cloud the exercises for Decoration Day in Mexico last Sunday afternoon had to be held in Fraternal Hall, instead of at the cemetery as intended.

A. C. Whitson had charge as master of ceremonies. After a short address he introduced Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, who made the address of the day. He talked on Fraternism.

The speaker compared the value in which human life is held in this age with that of ancient, mediaeval and even early modern times. Contrasted the new dignity of life with that of the old and cited Alaric and Alexander among the ancients whose regard for the individual life was nothing. Mentioned Napoleon Bonaparte as a modern character and contrasted the value in which life was esteemed then with now.

"From the time of Nero on down thru the ages, the nobility of Europe, when they killed a peasant during a stag hunt, were relieved of legal prosecution by the payment of a trifling sum, so meagre was the valuation placed upon the life of a man."

"With the spreading of the fraternal spirit among mankind, all these customs and laws have changed. We are being lifted to a higher plane. With the advent of modern fraternities, the schools and laymen's movements, crusades against all sorts of existing evils have sprung up."

"We have learned that flowers on a grave are a poor substitute for kindness, love and benevolence during a lifetime and that present usefulness is far greater than a past remembrance."

"The memorial service is but a by-product of fraternism. The spirit of fraternism tends to make one value the life and happiness of another; to protect and care for each other in the days we are on earth."

After the exercises at the Hall, and when the rain had subsided, many persons went to Elmwood and decorated the graves of their dead with flowers.

The orders represented in the services at the Hall were the following: Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Brotherhood of America, Knights and Ladies of Security, the Maccabees, the I. O. O. F. and the Rebekahs.

Morris-Barnitz Wedding.

Mr. James Morris of this city and Miss Mabel Barnitz of Warrenton, who has been employed in the Shoe Factory, were married Wednesday evening of last week in Mexico, Judge W. W. Botts officiating.

Phillip's Plan Accepted.

The County Court met last Thursday and adopted plans for the building of the new county infirmary. The plans were drawn by R. H. Phillips, who was the engineer for the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1903. The members of the court went out to the County Farm and staked off the ground.

The building will have a three story front, the which will be the residence portion for the superintendent. Two wings, two stories high, will diverge from the residence part of the building. There will be wards for invalids and mental male and female inmates. There will be a laundry in the basement. A complete water system will be installed.

Crosswhite-Carpenter Nuptials

Mr. W. B. Crosswhite, a son of George Crosswhite of Mexico and Miss Florence Carpenter, of Long Branch, were married in Mexico last Friday, Judge W. W. Botts officiating.

Miss Annie Crawford of Camden, Mo., has been visiting friends in this city and at Worcester.

HARDIN FACULTY.**Those Who Will Teach and Govern During 1911-12.**

John W. Million, President.

Mrs. H. M. Richardson, Lady Principal.

Mrs. J. W. Million, Greek, Latin.

Mr. J. W. Barley, English.

Mr. G. C. Motley, History, Ethics.

Miss Luella Kieckhefer, French, German, Art History.

Miss Mande Williamson, Mathematics, Science.

Miss Agnes Carr Vaughn, Assistant in Greek and Latin.

Miss Blanche Hildebrand, Assistant in English.

Miss Lattie Vaughn, Preparatory Department.

Mr. A. E. Guerne, Director of Music Department.

Mr. H. Gjerdrum, Piano.

Miss Elizabeth Layson, Piano.

Mrs. Adam, Voice.

Miss Frances Gupion, Assistant in Voice.

Miss Susie A. Webb, Violin, History of Music.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, Art.

Miss Lena M. Dickinson, Expression, Physical Culture.

Miss Delpha Henegar, Commercial Department.

Miss Mabel E. Eaton, Domestic Science.

Miss Ethel Thornburg, Private Secretary.

Mrs. M. L. Eaton, Governess.

Mrs. Tina B. Dolyns, Boarding Department.

Miss Mary Humphrey, Night Watch.

Davault-Dunkin Nuptials.

Mr. Bruce T. Davault, connected with the postoffice at Tulsa, Okla., and Miss Gertrude Dunkin, one of Audrain county's most winsome daughters and most successful school teachers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dunkin, who live southwest of Mexico, were married at the bride's home last Thursday afternoon, the Rev. George Swift of Columbia officiating. They left the same evening for a bridal trip to St. Louis and a visit to relatives in Illinois. The bridegroom is a brother of Mr. C. A. Davault, editor of the Farmer (Mo.) Forum. We congratulate Mr. Davault on the gem he has won for a wife.

Mr. Naylor's Will Sustained.

A suit to establish and prove the will of John P. Naylor to be in legal form, was tried in the Randolph circuit court last week and the will was sustained. Mr. Naylor in his life-time was a resident of west Audrain. The plaintiffs in the case were G. P. Naylor, Bernice Naylor and A. G. Norris. The defendants were Joella Ess, Millie Painter, Helen, Catherine, Estie and John Naylor. Several hundred acres of land, including an island in the Missouri and considerable personal property were involved in the litigation. A number of attorneys represented each side. Robertson & Robertson, of this city, were on the side of the defense.

Dog Attacks Child.

Lewis, the eight year old son of C. P. Arnold, north of Mexico, was attacked by a bull dog one day last week. The dog was tied but as the child passed near it it sprang forward and broke the rope and seized the child in the thigh. The dog had to be forced to cease its hold by kicks and beatings. C. P. Arnold and W. W. Johnson killed the dog then and there.

Miss Ellis to Marry.

The approaching marriage of Miss Barbara Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jaff D. Ellis of Muskogee, Okla., to Mr. W. F. Belcher of Chetolah, Okla., has been announced to take place June 21 at the home of the bride. The bride-to-be formerly lived in the Skinner neighborhood, this county. We extend them congratulations and best wishes in advance.

FARM NOTES.**Mrs. McGee's Proud Mother Hen—Leslie Freyer's Wheat.**

McGee Bros. sold 34 242 lb hogs to Powell & Mundy last week at \$5.30.

Col. Green Clay bought a thoroughbred Short horn bull recently of John Burgess paying \$150 therefor.

The Farm Journal comments that pigs that are apt to have "differences of opinion" should be separated. Fighting takes off flesh.

Geo. H. Fennwald of near Martinsburg marketed 21 steers in St. Louis last week. They averaged 1125 pounds each and brought \$5.55.

Victor Wayne sold 18 fat hogs to Charles Powell this week. They averaged 200 pounds each and brought \$5.65. Part of the number were Victor's own feeding.

A few trees in the pasture add greatly to the comfort of the sheep, these days. If you can't have them, set up a few posts and cover a bit of ground over for a shed.

Peter Weins, who recently came to this county from Northwestern Iowa, has 60 acres of oats and 55 acres of corn, and his prospects for good crop yields seem bright.

Mr. Bowman of Laddonia has traded the old W. H. Beal 240 acre farm on Middle Lick Creek, this county, for residence property in Columbia. The farm was valued at \$80 per acre.

Hogs do not dig in the earth at together for the fun of it. They get a lot to eat that way—grass roots, worms, bites of stuff of different kinds that help to make bone and muscle.

Fennwald Bros. of this county sold 78 beef steers on the East St. Louis market last week at \$5.70; they averaged 1201 pounds. They sold a yearling steer which weighed 1000 pounds for \$6.00.

Watch the condition of the young chickens. If they are moping, look for lice especially the large gray louse found on the head of the chick. A drop of sweet-oil will soon end his career.

Leslie Freyer, down east of Rush Hill, has a field of 50 acres of wheat and his prospects are fine for a great yield. Leslie is a young man; the young men are taking to the farms in these latter days.

E. M. Crooks, northwest of Rush Hill has 65 acres of wheat that promises a fine harvest. Mr. Crooks is feeding 77 head of stock for the market. Ed Crooks is one of the country's most hustling farmers.

Charlie Baker and Charlie Clark, both of near Thompson, were in Mexico last Saturday. Both said they were not in serious need of rain up that way and that the young crops of corn, wheat and oats are just booming.

C. B. Wilkerson, who lives 15 miles north of Mexico, just over in Monroe county, was here last Saturday and handed us a plunk for the Message. He said they had had plenty of rain and that vegetation in every line is coming to the front beautifully.

A hog entered the chicken yard of Mrs. Richard Creed near Molino one day recently and it ate a chicken hen and her brood of 20 chicks, also 30 young turkeys and two goslings. That old sow was after game, and she found it greatly to Mrs. Creed's sorrow.

Mrs. F. L. McGee of Hollensville has a pet pullet that hatched Nov. 1, 1910. About six weeks ago Cynthia, this pet, found a nice nest under the smoke-house where she laid several eggs on which she sat. On May 24, she came out with six little chicks, a proud and happy mother.

"I don't understand this hog market at all," said a Columbia business man last week. "It is too much for me, but here are the facts: last winter when hogs were selling at 12c, I bought green

hams at 10c a pound. Now hogs are selling in Boone at 5 1-2c and I am paying 15 to 20c for hams."

Paris Appeal: R. D. Sims, near Strother, sold 500 bushels of corn to A. O. Calhoun and 650 to John Trimble at 50c and will do part of the hauling. He sold 600 bushels of late corn in the shuck to Ed Mitchell at 40c and 8 cows with calves to Mitchell at \$50 each. Mr. Sims is devoting 120 acres to corn this season.

Some folks get so in the habit of saying, "Whoa!" to their horses when they do not mean it, that these faithful animals can not tell when their masters do really mean to have them stop, so they keep going. When you say, "Whoa!" mean it. That is the only way your horses have of knowing what to do.

The Paris Appeal says that Mrs. Mitchell Simpson, near Santa Fe, has developed a hardy variety of turkeys by crossing White Hollands and Bronze. She says they are healthier than pure bloods of either variety, and have plenty of size. Her flock now numbers 80 and she expects to increase it to 100. She has 300 young chickens and one incubator and a lot of hens yet to hatch.

J. A. Carr, south of Sturgeon, has been crossing Angus and Holstein cattle for 16 years and has developed a type known as the Black Carrs. He has this to say about them: "They haven't a bad feature; best cattle I ever saw. They are smart, have gentle disposition, are good milkers, are well made, wean their own calves. With ordinary treatment they will weigh 1,000 pounds when a year old."

Robert Fritchie, son of Rudolph Fritchie, north of Mexico, recently bought 10 acres of fine land in the State of Florida—down there where they can grow anything and where they have the finest climate in the world. There are 70 pine trees on the land each of which is from two inches to two feet in diameter. The ground is covered with a beautiful coat of "bluestem" grass. Mr. Fritchie thinks it is the country, all right. He will go to it this fall and W. G. Sims thinks he will go down and invest too.

Message Readers.

The following are late new subscribers or renewals for the Message:

Mrs. E. H. Skelly, John W. Rosser, W. C. Molahn, Mrs. N. A. Smith, W. M. Duckworth, M. J. Jones, Jacob Freyer, F. S. Norris, Mrs. Anna Cannell, James Lynch, J. S. Weaver, J. P. Robnett.

Enthusiastic for the Electric R. R.

The Paris Appeal printed this item last week:

D. M. Fields drove over to Molino last Friday and took a trip to Mexico on the electric railroad. He was enthusiastic over the line and when told that it could be completed to Santa Fe in forty days offered to give a thousand dollars towards the expense and take it out in freight the first year in hauling lumber for the yard he proposes to open at Santa Fe as soon as the railroad is assured. At Molino he saw Wm. Mundy hard at work getting out ties, grading and laying rails on the spur he is building at his own expense to his farm 1 1/4 miles away.

Gentry-Munson Wedding.

Mr. Buford Gentry, of the western part of the county, and Mrs. Celia Munson, of the same locality, were united in marriage in Mexico last Thursday. Justice John T. Baker officiating. Mrs. Munson some time ago was made defendant in a \$5,000 slander suit brought by R. E. Snelling, one of her neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hurley, formerly of this city, now of Enid, Okla., have been visiting Mrs. Hurley's sister here, Mrs. J. E. Callahan.